

Proposed Objectives for Superfund Site Visits:

1. To understand the process that lead to the Superfund designation in each community.
2. To understand the implications of the Superfund designation (how long did implementation take; how did it impact the community and the economy, positively or negatively).
3. To learn about the actual work performed by the Superfund project and how it has remediated the contamination issue.
4. To learn what each jurisdiction would do differently, if anything.

Proposed Questions:

Superfund Designation:

- What process did you use to decide about becoming a superfund site?
- How did you decide how large a site to designate?
- Who was involved in the discussion (more than one county)?
- How did you engage/obtain buy in from the State and with CDPHE, since CDPHE pays 10% of project costs.
- What alternatives to Superfund designation did you explore?
- How much was recovered from PRPs and how long did it take to ascertain and obligate those parties? Were there parties who voluntarily paid outside of a mandatory process?
- How much time and energy did your organization have to dedicate to the process?
- If you knew then what you know now, what would you do differently? Would you still seek the Superfund designation?

National Priorities List:

- How long did you wait to get on the National Priorities List (NPL)?
- How long was the project on the NPL before remediation?
- What was the anticipated cost of remediation vs. actual?
- What was the estimated time to carry out remediation vs. actual time?

Economic and Other Impacts:

- Does your community have data on the impact of the Superfund project on your economy? On property values? On sale of property (seller financing)? On tourism? How did your community deal with these issues?
- How many jobs did it bring to your community?
- Did the Superfund designation impose requirements on property owners downstream (e.g., farmers' use of fertilizer, sanitation discharges, etc.) What were those requirements, if any, and what impact did they have?
- What other impacts occurred that you might not have anticipated?

Superfund Mitigation/Remediation Project Attributes

- How did their mineral and metal composition compare to ours?
- How does this project gather the water and what treatment processes are being used?
- After the water is treated it, what is the quality level?
- How are waste products dealt with?
- What differences did the water quality improvements make to the river or stream?
- Does the water quality change (deteriorate) at lowest flow in winter?
- How did the project address seasonal changes to flows: spring run off, heavy downpour rains, etc.
- Describe emergency notification systems and how they work.